Disaster warning set up in States

2569. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the disaster warning set up in each State, so far;

(b) the amount spent for the purpose especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government had taken the assistance of foreign firms with regard to the latest system in the process; ,

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) The question appears to refer to the Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges in Indian Ocean. As far as the Tsunami Warning System is concerned the Government is setting up an Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges in Indian Ocean at the total cost of Rs. 125 Crores with the following components:—

- strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate, near real time occurrence of tsunamigenic earthquakes;
- Installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean-bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity;
- Tide gauge and data buoys networking to validate arrival of tsunami waves at the coast;
- Modelling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast and mapping of potential risk areas;
- Collection of information, analysis and generating status advisories.

A Centre would be set up at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (ICOIS), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on a 24x7 basis. The system is scheduled to be operationalised by September, 2007. The Tsunami Warning System is for the whole country.

(c) to (e) There is no assistance taken from foreign firms, however, the Indian system is the best system for our country.

Hiring of talented scouts

2570. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have hired talented scouts to visit tribal areas to find the best potential coaches in the country;

(b) the details of this talent scouting activity of the Sports Authority of India;

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to inspire the youth to train them properly for sports and athletics; and

(d) the details of short-comings that have been addressed in sports management and Olympic preparations in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Sports Talent Scouting is undertaken under Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of Sports Authority of India from different parts of the country including tribal areas, by duly constituted experts committee consisting of coaches, scientists and administrators.

(c) The Government of India, through various schemes of SAI, augments the efforts of State Government in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior levels. At present SAI is running the following Sports Promotional Schemes in the country:—

(i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC)

(iii) SAI Training Centre Scheme (STC)

(iv) Special Area Games Scheme (SAG)

(v) Centre of Excellence Scheme (COX)

The details of selection process under the above schemes are advertised in the media and selections under these schemes are made as per laid down norms.